



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Phillip Asselin §  
Serial No.: 10/677,211 § Examiner: Huyen Le  
Filed: October 2, 2003 § Art Unit: 3751  
For: **PEN HOLDER** §

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 1, 2004**

In response to the Office Action dated July 1, 2004, having a shortened statutory period of response set to expire on October 1, 2004, please enter this Response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account Number 11-0533 / MKJ / Asselin, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this Response timely and acceptable to the Office. A separate Petition for Three Month Extension is being submitted herewith.

In this Response, **Amendments** to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Paper. **Arguments/Remarks** begin on page 4.

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**37 CFR 1.8**

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